(d) the names of the firms to whom orders for purchase of energy meters have been placed with number of meters to each manufacturer by the various DSCOMS in the State of Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. Out of the Rs.20,000 crores earmarked for the investment component and another Rs.20,000 crores towards the incentive component in the Tenth Five Year Plan, the actual level of funding under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) is through budgetary support on yearly basis would be based on the need, utilization and availability of funds.

(b) Government of India have sanctioned projects amounting to Rs. 2968.05 crores for metering under APDRP so far.

(c) During 2002-03, projects amounting to Rs,364.45 crores, Rs.72.21 crores, Rs. 518.43 crores and Rs. 206.10 crores were sanctioned under APDRP to BESCOM, GESCOM, HESCOM and MESCOM respectively.

(d) No orders have been placed for purchases of energy meters.

REC Funds to Andhra Pradesh

1122. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMf REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has agreed to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,100 crores to the Andhra Pradesh Government for the year 2003-04 to take up improvement works including electrification of 5,050 habitations;

(b) if so, whether some other State have also been provided aid by the Corporation;

(b) if so, what is the total number of States and aid provided so far by this Corporation;

(d) to what extent these States have fully utilized this aid;

(e) what was the total loan provided to these States by the Corporation during 2002-03; and

(f) to what extent they have utilized the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA: (a) Power Utilities of Andhra Pradesh have made a plan for drawl of Rs.928.04 crore as loan assistance from Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) during 2003-04 for taking up Rural Electrification, Generation, System Improvement and other power projects. The Utilities are yet to submit the relevant project reports for electrification of habitations.

(b) and (c) Power utilities/State Government in 20 States have awaited loan assistance from REC during 2002-03. Details of loan assistance provided by REC to the States under rural electrification programme during 2002-03 are given in the enclosed Statement (See below.

(d) to (f) REC's disbursement is primarily based on utilization of funds that are sanctioned for rural electrification projects and is made normally in the following manner:

(i) 20% of loan amount is released in advance on compliance of terms and conditions stipulated in the sanction and execution of loan documents.

(ii) Second and subsequent instalments are released on reimbursement basis after prorata adjustment of initial loan advanced.

The responsibility of accounting of physical and financial progress under each scheme lies with the State Electricity Boards/Implementing Agencies.

Statement

Loan Assistance Provided by rec during 2002-2003

(Rs. In Lakhs)

SI. No.	State	Loan Disbursed
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	132975
2	Arunachal Pradesh	824
3	Gujarat	51834
4	Harvana	40615
5	Himachal Pradesh	7853
6	J&K	6499
7	Karnataka	29316
8	Kerala	85186
9	Maharashtra	65358
10	Manipur	102

1	2	3
11	Meghalaya	1600
12	Mizoram	1065
13	Nagaland	926
14	Orissa	339
15	Punjab	73135
16	Rajasthan	90956
17	Tamil Nadu	42649
18	Tripura	104
19	Uttar Pradesh	12500
20	Uttaranchal	2789
	TOTAL	646625

Increase of electricity rates in Delhi

†1123. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of electricity for the consumers in Delhi have been increased by Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission;

(b) if so, the percentage of this;

(c) increase after fixation of new rates what is the minimum and maximum rates on which consumers of Delhi are going to pay for electricity; and

(d) the rates on which electricity distribution companies are purchasing the electricity from electricity generation and transmission companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The present tariff for various categories of consumers is given in the enclosed Statement *{See* below.

(d) The distribution companies are purchasing electricity from Delhi Transco Limited at the following rate:

SI. No.	Name of Company	Rate per Unit (Paise)
1.	BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd.	160.05
2.	BSES Yamuna Power Ltd.	125.94
3.	NDPL Power Ltd.	157.54

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.